



# Emergency Management Performance Grant Program

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Emergency Management Division (EMD)  
Washington Military Department

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## Background

Washington State annually solicits funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The purpose of EMPG is to support comprehensive all-hazard emergency management programs at the state and local levels. The EMPG Program is the primary federal funding source available to local governments to increase their operational capability for all-hazard emergency management. Financial assistance is provided on a matching basis to jurisdictions for maintaining and improving emergency management organizations. A central objective of this program is to ensure that trained, experienced, professional personnel are present in each eligible jurisdiction.

## Pass-through Funding Assistance

EMPG provides funding to local emergency management organizations to assist with:

- Emergency planning;
- Training local emergency management personnel;
- Exercising and testing emergency response plans;
- Public education and outreach;
- Assessing hazards and capabilities; and
- Funding day-to-day program administration.

Any city, county, or combined emergency management organization is a potential recipient of EMPG funding. To qualify, applicants must meet federal and state eligibility requirements. Chapter 118-09 WAC provides an overview of the eligibility requirements. Applications are solicited and funding is awarded on an annual basis. All funds require a dollar for dollar match (50 percent local (non-federal) and 50 percent federal). Local organizations submit an application to EMD, including a program paper and budget documentation. The approved working budget for the current fiscal year is used as the basis for the EMPG allocation. The funds awarded can be utilized at the recipient's determination for the activities identified in the approved program paper.

## Funding and Distribution

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 the state of Washington received approximately \$3.454 million from FEMA under the EMPG program for all-hazards emergency management activities. Over 60 percent of EMPG funds are passed directly through to local jurisdictions. The remainder is used by the state Emergency Management Division (EMD) to fund state-level planning, training, public education, exercising, communications, warning and program administration.

## Contact

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